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SUBJ: SPECIALITY STEELS IMPORT CONTROLS

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1. EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE BEEN APPROACHED ON SEVERAL SEPARATE OCCASIONS BY BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS WHO HAVE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT WITH OUR SPECIALTY STEEL IMPORT PROGRAM. ALTHOUGH THE GENERAL PITCH OF THESE APPROACHES FOLLOWED CLOSELY THE POSITION OUTLINED IN THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY NOTE (REFTEL), ONE OF THE MINISTER OF PLANNING'S TOP ADVISORS IMPLIED IN A DISCUSSION WITH THE FINATT THAT HIS MINISTRY MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN WORKING OUT A BILATERAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM INSTEAD OF BEING THROWN IN WITH THE OTHER LDC'S COMPETING FOR THE RESIDUAL QUOTA. THE BRAZILIANS ARE APPARENTLY CONCERNED ABOUT BEING UNDERCUT BY OTHER LDC'S FOR THIS PART OF THE US MARKET. THIS PARTICULAR OFFICIAL WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT WELL INFORMED ON THE SPECIFICS OF THE CASE, INCLUDING THE FACT THAT BRAZIL COULD HAVE, IF

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IT SO DESIRED, NEGOTIATED AN ORDERLY MARKETING

ARRANGEMENT BEFORE THE FINAL PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION WAS PUBLISHED. THE EMBASSY IS PROVIDING HIM WITH A SET OF BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS WHICH WERE DELIVERED TO THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS IN MULTIPLE COPIES (EXPECTING THAT THEY WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO OTHER MINISTRIES). WHILE THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT THE PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION SETTING THE QUOTAS ESSENTIALLY CLOSES THIS CASE, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS, IF ANY, THE BRAZILIANS MAY BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE WITH US A MARKETING ARRANGEMENT.

2. WE WISH TO STRESS THAT THIS REQUEST WAS STIMULATED BY THE INTEREST OF ONE OFFICIAL IN THE PLANNING MINISTRY, ALBEIT AN IMPORTANT ONE, AND THAT WE CANNOT BE SURE THAT THE GOB WOULD WISH TO PURSUE THE COURSE HE FAVORS. IN ADDITION, AS THE CASE MAY BE CLOSED, THE POINT BEING RAISED MAY BE ACADEMIC. THE OFFICIAL WAS ALREADY INFORMED IN A PRELIMINARY WAY THAT IT WAS PROBABLY TOO LATE TO DO ANYTHING NOW. HOWEVER, ANY INFORMATION THAT WASHINGTON CAN FURNISH WOULD PROVIDE THE BASIS OF A MORE DEFINITIVE REPLY.
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